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## Colombian Pacific Culture

The San Pacho Festival is a cultural and religious celebration that lasts 20 days, from September 19th to October 5th. It takes place in Quibdó, the capital of Chocó, Colombia. Last year, many people attended the festival and enjoyed the parades, music, and traditional dances.

# Story of the San Pacho Festival

## Year 1648

In 1648, the devotion to San Francisco de Asís was introduced in Quibdó by Franciscan missionaries. The first religious celebrations were organized in honor of the saint.

## 19th Century

During the 19th century, the festival became more important in the community. Religious activities were combined with local music and cultural expressions.

## 20th Century

In the 20th century, the celebration expanded and neighborhood parades were created. Afro-Colombian traditions were included in the festivities.

## Year 2012

In 2012, the festival was declared Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. Since then, it has gained international recognition.

## Present

In recent years, the festival has become one of the most important cultural events in Colombia. It has been celebrated every year from September 19th to October 5th with parades, music, and religious ceremonies.

# CURIOSITIES

Each neighborhood in Quibdó has its own special day during the San Pacho Festival. People prepare colorful costumes, music, and decorations to represent their community.

The traditional music of the festival is called chirimía. It includes instruments like the clarinet, drums, and cymbals, and it gives the festival a very joyful atmosphere.

There is a special day dedicated to the parade of myths and legends during the San Pacho Festival in Quibdó, Colombia. On this day, people wear costumes and represent traditional characters